

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals for Vermont is to provide Vermonters with an effective criminal justice system which focuses on quality of life and safety for Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's dedicated correctional employees are essential to our justice system; and

WHEREAS, much is expected from the men and women who supervise offenders in correctional facilities and in the community every day, and without whose daily hard work and sacrifices the justice system could not operate; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators, educators and experts at crisis interventions, and must protect our safety while maintaining their professional demeanor, often in a challenging environment; and

WHEREAS, correctional employees must possess the intuitive sense to resolve conflict and support restorative activities while housing offenders in a humane environment or supervising offenders in the community, often to the risk of their own well-being; and

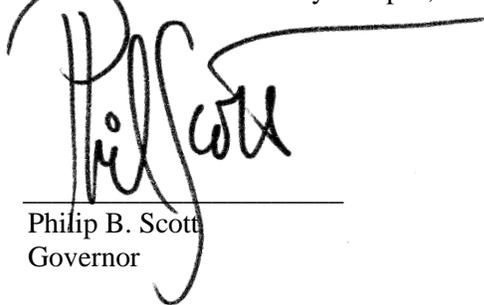
WHEREAS, Vermont is pleased to celebrate Correctional Officers Week and urges all Vermonters to pay special tribute to these women and men who serve so faithfully.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as

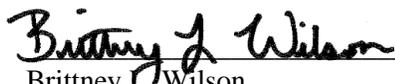
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of April, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs